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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

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Sir:

Prior to examination, please amend the above-referenced application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS

Please cancel claim 1 without prejudice or disclaimer of the subject matter thereof.

Please add new claims 26-38 as follows:

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-- 26. A method for opening a connection between a first router and a second router for transmitting a data packet, wherein both of the first router and the second router being coupled via a network, said method comprising the steps of:  
generating a reservation information packet for opening the connection at said first router;  
transmitting said reservation information packet  
~~bound for a predetermined destination from said first router;~~